ha of VMG for providing quality planting stock to the user agencies. The assessment of the increase in the productivity is feasible only after the provenance trials of the plantations from these improved planting stocks get established which depend upon the species and the edapho-climatic conditions.

Conservation of forests

4348. SHRI H.K. JAVAREGOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes taken up by the Karnataka Government for conservation of forests, wild life and environment in the State during last three years;

(b) the amount/aid provided by the World Bank and the Central Government in this regard, during the above period; and

(c) whether the amount provided had been fully utilised; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The details of the schemes taken up with assistance from the Government of India and external agencies for conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in the State of Karnataka and the amount/aid provided to the Karnataka Government in this regard, during the last three years are given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir. The amount provided had not been fully utilised. The main reason for non-utilisation of the amount is delay in release of funds to the implementing agencies by the State Government.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount provided during the last three years
1	2	3
1	Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of degraded Forests	82.44
2	Project Tiger	429.78
3	Eco Development Scheme	303.23

1	2	3
4	Beneficiary Oriented Scheme for Tribal Development	133.15
5	India Eco Development Project (EAP)	18.13
6	Western Ghats Forestry Project (DFID aided)	34.37
7	Eastern Karnataka Afforestation Project (JBIC aided)	32281.00
8	Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project	365.21
9	Non Timber Forest Produce	18684.00
10	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	308.15
11	Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries	514.89
12	Modern Forest Fire Control Methods	106.59
13	National River Conservation Plan	834.65
14	Project Elephant	176.00
15	Biosphere Reserve	83.30

Trade of animal skins in Delhi

4349. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Trade in animal skins rising in capital" reported in the Times of India dated 28th May, 2001;

(b) if so, whether various Central agencies have totally failed to check the trade of animals skins;

(c) if so, whether Government have chalked out any strategy to check the trade of animal skins; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Central agencies have apprehended a large number of offenders indulging in illegal trade of wild animal skins and other parts and products during the last few years.